From the desk of . . .

Gerald A. Ginocchio

Dear Harold, Dec. 31, 1992

My vacation is nearly at an end. We stayed in Spartanburg and had a quiet but nice Christmas. We both missed our families but it is difficult to squeeze in a reasonable trip to either Wisconsin or California, especially with Hank-Trang working full time.

During the past few days I have finally sat down and begun to do some serious planning for the upcoming Interim course, featuring "the fairy tale that shook the world", JFK. Fortunately, the Applause Book publication on the film will simplify the amount of xeroxing I will have to do. I plan to use some of your responses to some of those articles to provide some balance, especially to the puff pieces in entertainment magazines. I also plan to go into the Amer. Historical Review Forum (which is not in the Applause Book collection).

As part of my preparation, I thought it would be especially important to give each student a copy of your Feb. 8, 1991 letter to Oliver Stone. I am enclosing a copy which I re-typed, making some minor grammatical corrections.

The title, Never Again!, sounds fine. I am looking forward to seeing it in print and getting the kind of attention it deserves.

In addition to relaxing and doing some house repairs, I read an excellent book that Jerry McKnight recommended on Malcolm X's assassination. It is by Michael Friedly. He effectively lays to rest some of the wild conspiracy theorizing involving the usual cast - FBI, CIA, N.Y. PD, etc. He notes that the FBI in particular had much more interest in King, and although Malcolm X was under surveillance and they may have helped exacerbate his rift with the Black Muslims, it is entirely far-fetched and unsupported to argue that the FBI (CIA or other govt. agency) was involved in his death. The blame there rests squarely on the Nation of Islam, and their campaign of hate and death threats.

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We hope you and Lillian had a good holiday and will have a prosperous new year, which is now barely 16 hours away. It is our pleasure to send you the fruit from Custman's. Fortunately, they escaped the devastation of Hurricane Andrew.

I will keep in touch about how things go in January with my course.

Best Wishes,

Gerry